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ASSOCIATE ARTIST: INFORMATION PACK



July 2023 - March 2024





APPLICATION & ACCESS

Please read through this Information Pack for full details on the role before applying.

To apply, complete this [google form](#) or send a video to contact@maigroup.co responding to the [application questions](#). Please use 'Associate Artist' as the subject heading.

Applications close 25th May 2023. The MAIA team will shortlist applications and be in touch by 2nd June. Interviews for shortlisted Associate Artists will take place between the 7th and 8th June. Start date July.

Access

If this information is required in any other format, or we can do anything to support your access needs through the application process, please email ha@maigroup.co



ABOUT MAIA

MAIA is an artist-led social justice organisation, working from our home city, Birmingham, UK. Our work asks what it takes to move from imagination to liberation, exploring the role of artists in that movement. We explore this in community, through the creation of spaces, public programmes and resources, where Black imagination and culture are the catalysts. Through the associateship, we are looking to develop a relationship with a West Midlands-based artist, supporting them to explore critically, and at depth, how their creative practice can be a tool for world-building.

The Associate Artist will be involved in different parts of MAIA's programme from July 2023 to March 2024. Through our programmes and broader work, they will connect and build relationships with artists, practitioners and organisers across the world who are orienting towards liberation. MAIA will then support the Associate Artist to curate a two-week Radical Imagination Lab, exploring a line of enquiry which has emerged during the associateship, due to be delivered in Feb 2024.



Radical Imagination Labs are made up of workshops, talks, panel discussions and commissions that all respond to a central provocation and help us design the infrastructures, spaces and tools we need to get free.

Examples

- Space in the Black Imagination (May - July 2023): *How does the Black Imagination create portals and prototypes for sanctuary and communion?* [Programme here.](#)
- Life-Affirming Infrastructure (May - July 2022): *What if we shifted from a cultural 'sector' into an ecology, that affirms life and builds infrastructure from that spirit?* [Examples of talks here.](#)

THE RELATIONSHIP

Associate Artist

Key Info

July 2023 - March 2024

£5000 bursary

For West Midlands-based artists

Access and travel costs supported
by MAIA

Three reflective pieces to be
shared across the 9 months

Co-curate two weeks of events
(Associate's Lab) with £5000
budget

Key Dates

Fellow's Radical Imagination
Lab

23rd October 2023 - 10th
December 2023

Delivery of Associate's Lab

26th February 2024 - 27th
March 2024



MAIN AIMS FOR THE ASSOCIATE ARTIST

To develop a deeply collaboratively relationship with MAIA, exploring culture as the starting point for how we learn, exchange and practice pathways to liberation.

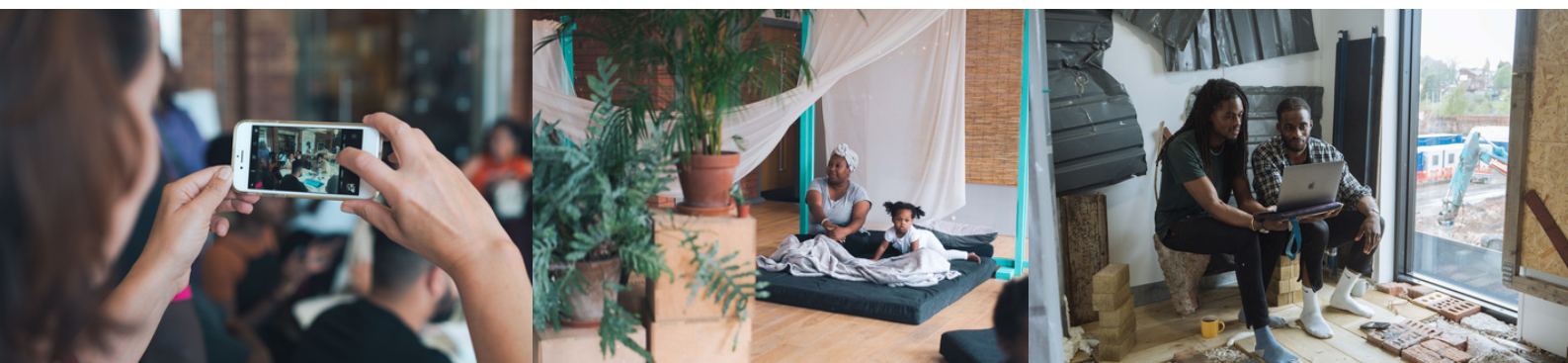
To co-curate programmes and make work in response to the questions and ideas which emerge during the relationship.

To be immersed in MAIA's programme wherever possible, making connections with and co-informing the work.

To document the journey across the 9 months, offering three reflective pieces which can be shared publicly.

To participate in the Fellows Lab during Autumn, learning from the curation process and programme.

To collaborate with MAIA to co-curate a two-week Radical Imagination Lab in 2024, with a budget of £5000, due to be delivered in Feb next year.



PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Based in the West Midlands.

Able to provide examples of previous artistic work.

A strong interest in systems-change and liberation work.

Strong alignment with MAIA's core values of access, care, justice, and joy.

Willingness to learn and join MAIA as a fellow student of liberation work.

Excellent collaboration and communication skills.

Passion for exploring new ideas and approaches to art and social justice.

Experience in managing a budget of £5k or similar.

Ability to produce reflective pieces on their experience.

Availability to participate in the 9-month role from July 2023 to March 2024, attending events in MAIA's programme to the best of their ability.

Attendance for the key dates.

ACCESS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

MAIA is a committed advocate of equity, justice and equal opportunity - we see this as integral to our mission.

In transforming conditions and creating new paradigms for our society, we know this practice must be centred on the experiences of those who have been most oppressed by the current systems.

This is why we actively encourage applications from people racialised as Black, people of colour, trans and genderqueer people and D/disabled people.



